In re application of

Stevens et al

Serial No.

10/099,690

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TOTAL CLAIMS	35	minus	20	0	x \$18	=\$	270.00
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## **RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed on this date, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

An amendment to the Specification is found on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.